WESTERN STRALIA

### REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1953

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#### POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st March, 1953 -

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Males - 318,401;

Females - 299,280;

Persons - 617,681

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1952 -

Persons - 346,000

#### MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	MA	Y	5 Months MAY	Ended
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Marriages - Number *Rate per 1000 of Population	380 7.22	429 8.46	2,229	2,534
Births - Number *Rate per 1000 of Population	1,285	1,413 27.86	6,596	6,494
Deaths - Number *Rate per 1000 of Population	397 7.55	447 8.81	1,879 7.36	2,035
Infant Mortality - Number **Rate per 1000 Live Births	33 25.68	31 21.94	159 24.11	185
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis Malignant neoplasms Diabetes mellitus Diseases of blood, etc. Cerebral haemorrhage etc. Diseases of the heart Hypertension with heart disease Hypertensive disease without mention of heart Arteriosclerosis Influenza Pneumonia Bronchitis Other Respiratory disease Ulcer of stomach and duodenum Gastro-enteritis and colitis Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis Cirrhosis of the liver Nephritis and nephrosis Diseases of the prostate Maternal causes Diseases of early infancy Motor Vehicle accidents Other accidents Suicide All other causes	5 54 - 40 132 8 9 132 21 5 5 22 1 7 4 21 139 6 27	9 64 2 52 136 11 3 19 2 11 6 7 6 1 1 1 1 1 6 2 22 22 16 53 2	21 306 11 5 183 557 51 32 65 3 62 16 11 19 13 3 6 6 16 19 13 6 16 19 13 18 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19	40 277 17 9 241 562 53 20 72 7 66 10 34 22 15 7 2 32 26 10 119 87 90 33 184
Total.	397	447	1,879	2,035

<sup>\*</sup> Equivalent Annual Rate.

<sup>\*</sup> Deaths under one year.

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#### LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the six months ended June, 1953 totalled 601,623 acres, an increase of 67,996 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 1,503,505 acres, an increase of 209,300.

# STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month o	f JUNE	12 Months Ended JUNE			
	1953	1952	1953	1952		
Revenue Revenue per Head of Population Expenditure Expenditure per Head of Population	£. 3,894,132 £6. 5. 6 4,680,923 £7.10. 11	£. 3,805,769 £6. 6. 9 3,301,597 £5. 10. 0	£. 38,097,445 £62. 3. 10 40,178,910 £65.11. 9	£. 33,955,157 £57. 8. 9 34,546,768 £58. 8. 9		

#### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances on the 30th June, 1953 amounted to £49,794,288 or £80. 3. 8d. per head of population as against £47,170,835 or £78. 9. 1d. per head as at the 30th June last year.

#### BANK CLEARANCES

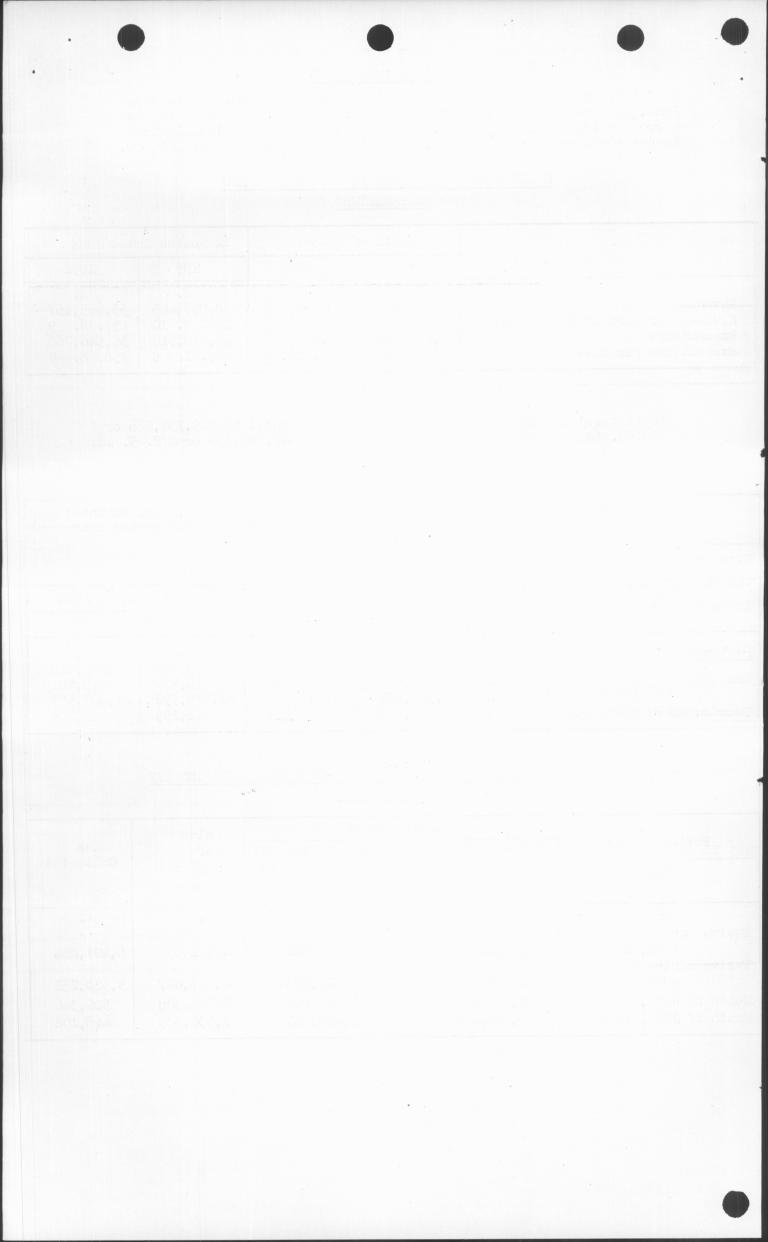
The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 24th June, 1953 amounted to £11,008,498 compared with £11,181,279 for the corresponding period last year.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected the Office of Land Title		J	NE	12 Months Ended JUNE		
Deeds	as and	1953	1952	1953	1952	
Transfers	No. £.	1,817 2,519,566	1,619 1,881,610	20,774	22,366 29,682,045	
Mortgages	No. £.	1,632 2,328,688	1,236	15,878 22,829,792	15,441	
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,100	905	11,295	11,205	

## SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

	Taxable	Goods	Sales		
Period of Receipt of Returns	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)	of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected	
	£.	£.	£.	£.	
Twelve months ended  JUNE, 1953  Twelve months ended	35 <b>,</b> 6 <b>3</b> 1 <b>,</b> 720	25,282,620	84,922,076	5,401,064	
JUNE, 1952	36,965,858	28,016,523	87,011,027	5,520,231	
Month of JUNE, 1953 Month of JUNE, 1952	3,392,629 3,064,268	1,723,606 2,499,750	8,888,309 7,936,535	506,346 448,108	



		Twelve months ended JUNE -							
		1953	3	1952					
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No. Liabilities Ass		Assets			
		£.	£.		£.	£.			
Sequestration Orders Deeds of Assignment (a) Deeds of Arrangement	38 27 -	120,045 199,024 -	57,623 212,290	20 20 1	38,990 58,029 1,978	36,481 47,744 1,015			

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

#### TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

			MAY	11 Months End	ded MAY
		1953	1952	1953	1952
Gross Earnings. (a) *	£.	840,200	771,800	7,244,100	8,568,400
Working Expenses. (a)	£.	1,189,807	933,506	11,169,487	9,557,776
Train Miles Run	No.	592,324	532,561	4,103,912	6,380,824
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 167,451	(b) 171,745	(c) 1,792,280	(c)1,680,712
Passenger Journeys - Train Motor Bus	No.	947,420 57,938	1,019,785 58,183	5,768,155 587,618	10,078,070 539,563
Tonnage Carried -					
Paying Goods Livestock Departmental		282,259 7 <b>,</b> 975	245,913 7,748	2,254,503 121,425	2,738,621 119,616
(Free Freight)	)	70,104	86,032	590,072	821,083
Total		360,338	339,693	2,966,000	3,679,320
Net Ton Mileage of	-				
Paying Goods Livestock Departmental	geldermanage versions on delife	46,602,122	38,032,708 1,069,748	356,081,726 15,334,855	423,496,627 15,692,633
(Free Freight)		8,605,374	9,762,671	78,679,763	88,899,012
Total.		56,227,169	48,865,127	450,096,344	528,088,272

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 2nd May.

(c) Period ended 2nd May.

\* Figures liable to revision.

#### MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

#### (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	ME.	PROPOLITAN .	AREA		ENTIRE STATE				
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	cluding Vans,		Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	
Year 1950 Year 1951 Year 1952 1952 -	No. 4,664 4,263 4,088	No. 1,901 2,088 2,006	No. 86 51 74	No. 1,214 1,886 1,121	No. 9,325 7,914 8,068	No. 5,660 5,730 5,471	No. 150 101 112	No. 2,390 3,192 1,939	
1953 - January February March April May	272 291 326 292 330	94 151 119 161 139	- 1 6 4 2	80 69 72 51 52	492 556 627 545 566	296 369 334 439 425	52862	119 121 124 93 80	

#### (2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS). \*

Date (as	ME	TROPOLITAN	AREA			ENTIRE STA	TE	
at end of Month)	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses Motor Cycles		Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
1950 -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
June	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
1951 - June	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
<u>1952</u> - June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 - January February March April	40,516 40,644 40,931 41,155	17,384 17,438 17,501 17,564	530 527 530 533	10,346 10,319 10,331 10,349	66,392 67,497 68,465 68,833	50,193 51,806 52,738 52,618	976 1,002 1,016 1,022	15,088 15,501 15,785 15,790

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for April, 1953:-89 Cars; 766 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 11 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

#### TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, May 1953 and 1952, and eleven months ended May 1953 and 1952, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	deline services	IME	PORTS		EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MAY		ll Months Ended MAY		MA		ll Months Ended MAY	
	1953	1952	1353	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
Oversea Interstate	£,000 2,285 6,474	£,000 4,773 5,816	£,000 27,630 61,897	£,000 57,633 56,472	£,000 6,367 1,023	£,000 8,280 1,098	£,000 82,460 21,654	£,000 74,084 10,795
Total	8,759	10,589	89,527	114,105	7,390	9,378	104,114	84,879

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#### BUILDING ACTIVITY

#### (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

		Dwel	lings							
Period	Owner- Built		By Contractors etc. (a)		Fac	Factories		Other		tal
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000	T	£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946 Year 1947 Year 1948 Year 1949 Year 1950 Year 1951 Year 1952	55 165 514 825 1,313 1,913 2,883	32 109 346 693 1,365 2,835 5,824	1,316 2,245 2,544 2,485 3,331 4,137 4,946	1,221 2,380 3,041 3,476 4,727 6,969 11,201	52 37 49 57 41 40 63	82 64 160 215 263 459 667	145 164 268 317 428 433 604	192 327 431 657 651 986 2,242	1,568 2,611 3,375 3,684 5,113 6,523 8,496	1,527 2,880 3,978 5,041 7,006 11,249 19,934
March Qr.	706	1,614	935	2,391	17	214	172	657	1,830	4,876

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

#### (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Including Owner-Built Homes)

	Н	ouses Com	pleted	- Class	sified A	according	to Ma	terials	of Outer	Walls
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946 Year 1947 Year 1948 Year 1949 Year 1950 Year 1951 Year 1952	578 1,114 1,252 1,449 1,709 2,155 3,006	£,000 640 1,365 1,715 2,235 2,882 4,560 8,097	186 257 326 228 337 453 745	£,000 140 196 249 191 311 525 1,609	373 966 1,436 1,571 2,262 2,933 3,844	£,000 296 862 1,348 1,649 2,572 4,241 6,678	227 62 29 42 55 190 135	£,000 172 47 22 43 48 218 263	1,364 2,399 3,043 3,290 4,363 5,731 7,730	£,000 1,248 2,470 3,334 4,118 5,813 9,544 16,647
March Qr.	660	2,004	139	364	823	1,587	8	14	1,630	3,969

#### BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES

851,635 lbs. were produced during June, 1953, and 14,411,212 lbs. for the twelve months ended June, 1953, as against 949,291 lbs. and 14,639,655 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1952.

#### GOLD PRODUCTION

Name of the state					
	JUI	VE	6 Months Ended JUNE		
	1953	1952	1953	1952	
Quantity Fine Ozs. Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	64 <b>,</b> 334 996 <b>,</b> 635	55,025 852,428	409,162 6,338,562	352,246 5,456,917	

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the six months ended June, 1953 amounted to £534,412. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1952 amounted to £378,306.

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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

			Food and	Groceries	5			of Housel e ("C" Ser	
-		JUNE QUARTER		12 Months Ended JUNE		JUNE QUARTER		12 Months Ended JUNE	
1		1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952
The same of the sa	Metropolitan Area Kalgoorlie-Boulder Northam Bunbury Geraldton Collie	2594 2725 2610 2603 2678 2623	2308 2512 2374 2356 2409 2379	2493 2677 2550 2538 2607 2561	2176 2344 2227 2221 2266 2227	2290 2358 2310 2298 2415 2198	2158 2251 2180 2178 2285 2070	2245 2334 2270 2268 2380 2162	2035 2122 2039 2055 2137 1952

#### ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)
Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

		1952		1953				
Month	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons		
January February March April May June July August September October November December	127,021 127,314 127,666 126,905 126,734 126,001 125,215 125,577 125,235 126,306 126,330 126,684	40,611 41,319 41,367 41,326 41,110 40,564 40,408 40,115 40,272 40,389 40,541 40,719	167,632 168,633 169,033 168,231 167,844 166,565 165,623 165,692 165,507 166,695 166,871 167,403	127,573 128,682 129,232 129,666 129,673	39,805 40,835 41,012 41,211 41,189	167,378 169,517 170,244 170,877 170,862		

#### EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES

Month		CTORIE 928/29 yees =	(19,799		RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000)					
	1949	1950	1951	1952(a)	1953(a)	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
January February March April May June July August September October November December	179 182 186 187 187 187 182 189 190 191 192 194	194 197 200 200 203 202 204 204 204 206 207 207	208 212 215 215 216 215 218 217 216 217 217 215	214 216 216 215 214 211 210 214 213 214 214 215	216 219 222 223 224	1354 1358 1371 1377 1354 1362 1381 1377 1365 1375 1402 1470	1410 1387 1415 1415 1418 1429 1423 1419 1428 1431 1450 1531	1490 1495 1513 1508 1500 1517 1517 1510 1518 1522 1537 1587	1540 1536 1522 1517 1512 1495 1497 1488 1485 1507 1519 1574	1538 1541 1534 1550 1557

- (a) Figures subsequent to June, 1952 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.
- (b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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### STATE BASIC WAGE

Metropolitan Date of Area			South- Land Divi		Goldfie Rest of	
Operation	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/7/53	12.6.6	8. 0. 3	12. 6. 0	7. 19. 11	12. 9. 4	8. 2. 1

#### ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA (Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	JUN	NE	12 Months Ended JUNE	
	1953	1952	1953	1952
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.) Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	31,802 28,299	28, <i>3</i> 49 24,958	350,188 310,605	323,781 281,645

#### LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
June, 1953 June, 1952 6 Months ended June, 1953 6 Months ended June, 1952	No.	No.	No.	No.
	16,118	465	49,813	7,880
	13,245	552	44,354	8,774
	55,118	2,119	472,688	49,147
	51,002	2,408	390,765	55,854

#### ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

	METROPOLITAN (a)					
Month	Total Accidents Reported (c)	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage Exceeding £10)	Casualty Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	
1953 -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
January	1,100	316	164	6	197	
February	1,072	271	176	8	237	
March	1,110	286	178	5	217	
April	1,112	316	167	12	184	
May	1,236	380	166	13	189	
June	1,283	385	157	9	194	
Total to June	6,913	1,954	1,00.8	53	1,218	
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COUNTRY (b)						
1953 January February March April	276 266 319 318	102 108 125 136	75 65 95 81	5 9 13	129 87 138 117	
May	295	130	85	9	114	
Total to May *	1,474	601	401	43	585	

<sup>\*</sup> Figures for June not yet available. (a) Reported to Police.
(b) Reported to either Police or Local Government Authorities.
(c) Includes non-casualty accidents where total damage estimated to be £10 or less.